

Pascal Simbikangwa vs. France



Thesis Statement:

Although the 1994 Rwandan genocide of Tutsis by Hutus took place many years ago, Pascal Simbikangwa is only now being tried in France, where he fled for acting as a leader in the genocide, causing a new development in France's legal treatment of Rwandan genocide cases and possibly affecting its international relations with other African nations.

France:



- By law, France is allowed to consider all genocide cases in Rwanda
- France has been accused of protecting genocide perpetrators
 - Many Rwandan perpetrators fled to France after the genocide
 - Have lived in total impunity since the 1990s
 - Simbikangwa was found living under alias in the French territory Mayotte
 - This trial will be a warning to others hiding under alias that France is no longer a safe haven
- This case can affect their international relations with Rwanda and other nations

Questions:

What was one of Simbikangwa's defenses?

What change is occurring as a result of this trial?

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